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Premier League Division 1

1st Grade:

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
Belconnen United	8	5	2	1	2	27	9	19
Monaro	8	5	2	1	2	28	11	19
Weston Creek	8	5	2	1	2	19	11	19
Gungahlin Juventus	8	5	1	2	1	19	14	17
Canberra Deakin	8	4	2	2	1	17	8	15
Capital City Suns	8	4	1	3	1	22	14	14
Canberra Olympic	8	3	1	4	0	11	12	10
Burns Club	8	2	0	6	0	7	28	6
Uni of Canberra	8	1	1	6	1	14	27	5
Queanbeyan City	8	0	0	8	0	10	40	0

Under 23's

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
Monaro	8	5	2	1	2	32	13	19
Weston Creek	8	5	2	1	2	20	10	19
Belconnen United	8	4	3	1	3	42	16	18
Canberra Olympic	8	4	3	1	3	19	10	18
Uni of Canberra	8	5	1	2	1	20	9	17
Burns Club	8	3	1	4	1	18	14	11
Canberra Deakin	8	3	1	4	0	24	13	10
Gungahlin Juventus	8	2	1	5	0	31	20	7
Capital City Suns	8	2	0	6	0	25	29	6
Queanbeyan City	8	0	0	8	0	3100	0	0

Cosmos Youth

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
Belconnen United	8	8	0	0	0	40	6	24
Uni of Canberra	8	6	1	1	1	26	10	20
Canberra Deakin	8	5	1	2	1	22	18	17
Gungahlin Juventus	7	5	0	2	0	30	10	15
Weston Creek	8	5	0	3	0	27	19	15
Monaro	8	3	0	5	0	14	25	9
Capital City Suns	8	2	1	5	1	7	22	8
Queanbeyan City	8	1	1	6	1	11	30	5
Burns Club	8	1	0	7	0	10	23	3
Canberra Olympic	7	1	0	6	0	5	29	3

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TABLE:

Premier League Division 2

1st Grade:

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
O'Connor Knights	10	9	1	0	1	20	3	29
Tuggeranong United	10	7	1	2	1	29	11	23
Cooma	10	6	1	3	0	16	15	19
Belwest Foxes	10	5	1	4	1	23	21	17
ANU	10	2	3	5	3	20	20	12
White Eagles	10	2	2	6	2	11	14	10
Sabres FC	10	0	5	5	4	10	27	9
ADFA	10	1	2	7	2	8	26	7

Reserve Grade:

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
O'Connor Knights	10	8	1	1	1	24	9	26
Tuggeranong United	10	8	0	2	0	38	20	24
ANU	10	6	1	3	1	28	13	20
White Eagles	10	4	2	4	2	22	23	16
Belwest Foxes	10	5	0	5	0	29	17	15
Sabres FC	10	3	1	6	1	16	24	11
ADFA	10	2	1	7	1	17	27	8
Cooma	10	0	2	8	2	7	46	4

Rockets Youth League

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
Tuggeranong United	8	7	1	0	1	35	7	23
Belconnen United	8	6	0	2	0	29	15	18
Belwest Foxes	8	3	1	4	1	15	20	11
Radford	8	3	0	5	0	17	19	9
Southern Spirit	8	3	0	5	0	18	27	9
Belsouth	8	1	0	7	0	9	35	3

Golden Boot Chase

- 9: S. Lazzari (WCK), D. Macor (Mon)
 7: M. Whyte (Bel), D. Bartone (UoC), T. Lemezina (CCS)
 6: L. Simeonov (Mon), J. Glass (Juv)
 5: G. Cattnach (Juv), U. Castro (Oly)
 4: P. Hader (WCK), D. Stambolziev (CCS), B. Deighan (CDkn), J. Campagna (Mon)

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EDITORIAL:

Welcome to the new bigger issue of Canberra Soccer News. No, there aren't more pages, but I've decided to decrease the margins just a wee bit to allow for more text and less white space.

Also new in this issue and thereafter are the emblems of each of the clubs at the head of each match report. I believe this should improve the look of this newsletter.

Now for some news. Well, for those who have missed the local papers two more new signings were made a few weeks ago. Paul Gagetti has returned to soccer in Canberra and has joined the Weston Creek Royals.

Meanwhile, out in Queanbeyan, The City Lions have attracted a second Cosmos player in Nick Purdue. This should hopefully remove some of the weight Danny Burt has on his shoulders. Mind you the results of the last two matches have both been very promising.

And now for this week's issue. Last time up, we gave Norman Kelly a fond farewell. This issue we say goodbye to George Lemon, who moves on to the greener pastures of politics.

We have full match reports from all games of two weekends ago and from last weekend those reports you haven't seen yet.

This issue has a report on the Young ACT Rockets and their win over Illawarra and a full report on the ACT Schoolboys magnificent result in Sydney in the tournament which was part of the World Expo.

There will be no report on the main Rockets game as there isn't any room for it, and a full report was written in the Canberra Times. Also the Illawarra Mercury still has its report on the web as you read this.

SOCCER CANBERRA LOSES GEORGE LEMON

Prior to last weekend, the Soccer Canberra offices suffered another loss when Senior League Administrator, George Lemon, decided to leave for another job.

Having arrived when Soccer Canberra was somewhat of a shambles, organisation wise, he has been part of a team that has brought the organisation to the much improved stage it is now.

George came from working as an Office Manager for the Washington Times dealing with ASIA and special projects. He was also the secretary of Queanbeyan City for 4 years as well as one of the founding members of the Capital City Suns and was on the SLMC for 3 years as a committee member.

He joined Soccer Canberra as the Senior League Administrator at Easter 1997. His position was expanded to include Special Projects and International Projects including liaison, visits and promotions.

George relates to a number of projects that he has been involved in with Soccer Canberra which have become major items on the yearly soccer calendar. These include the Multicultural Cup and the Chief Minister's Cup, both as part of the Multicultural Festival each year.

A number of other changes have occurred, especially with regard to the Senior League. The Grand Final Breakfast, the day itself which is now supported by close to 2,000 each year, and the Presentation night are all different to previous years and the new concepts are working.

George has mixed feelings about leaving. "This job as Senior League Administrator has been the best work experience I've ever had. That is together with the best environment to work in."

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Gungahlin Juventus 4



Canberra Olympic 1

Gungahlin Juventus made it 5 in a row when they defeated Canberra Olympic last Sunday at Majura Oval in very wet conditions.

The partnership of John Glass and George Cattanaich worked magic for Juventus hounding their opponents continuously and generating a bucketful of chances.

John was the star of the day with a hatrick of his own and laying off the fourth for his striking partner.

The first Juventus goal of the game caught most of the spectators still trying to find a position in the stands. It took only 27 seconds.

A free kick 30m out was taken by Craig Rankine and floated to the far post. Glass jumped higher than all others to head the ball home.

Within less than ten minutes Olympic should have been on level terms. Elli Salloum took the ball down the right and saw keeper Elias Oikarinen off his line, but the chip shot went wayward and only found the bushes behind the goal.

Olympic were causing their own problems with numerous loose passes, but fortunately for them Juventus were unable to capitalise.

Yet at the other end, a slip by Oscar Zamora as last man saw Arsenje Popovich win the ball and pass to his brother Njegosh who from close range finished with ease. But this was a rare foray towards the Juventus goal.

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On the half-hour mark Tony Rinaudo took matters into his own hands with a superb run down the right touchline. His early cross found Glass behind the defence. He had enough time to bring the ball down, beat a defender and slot the ball between keeper Angelo Konstantinou's legs.

Early in the second half Konstantinou set up a wonderful chance for Cattanaich when his miskick went straight to the forward. Angelo made up for his error with a fine save.

Then ten minutes in Cattanaich sent a low cross in from the right. Glass was first to the ball and from 5m out made no mistake to give him his hatrick.

The chances just kept on coming, and although Olympic were able to get the ball to their forward line on occasions, the defence of Rinaudo, Rankine and Zamora was water-tight. Cattanaich was the main culprit for Juventus with two good chances neither even forcing a save. Luke Morgan also had a pair of shots as did Brad Smith, but either they went wide or were well saved by Konstantinou.

Then with 15 minutes left on the clock, Glass picked up a loose ball and layed it off to Cattanaich who finally scored from 15m out.

The game was now over as a contest, but Olympic had one more chance. Takis Arvanitis sent a cross into the box and after it bounced, substitute Marcello Fernandez was first to the ball, but his header went wide.

Juventus coach Billy Willox was very happy with the result. "We created heaps of chances and weren't intimidated. The boys up front did very well", he said.

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A rather dejected Baz Giampaolo said that there were no excuses and that his team just weren't committed enough. Baz stated "we did not play simple soccer in the wet conditions."

The loss leaves Olympic precariously close to being left behind in the race for a final's place, whilst Juventus secured their fourth position and are now only 2 points behind the three co-leaders.



Belconnen United 2



Monaro 3

At Hawker Oval we saw the top of the table clash and the last of the undefeated teams losing that mantle as Monaro beat Belconnen United 3-2.

In a very entertaining game, Monaro took an early lead and then allowing Belconnen to get back into the game finished it off.

Monaro struck early when a Belconnen corner kick was cleared to Danny Serena. The counter-attack was too fast for Bels and Serena's cross was greeted by a diving header from Joe Campagna.

Then a defensive error and pressure from Monaro saw Laz Simeonov win the ball and pass it to Danny Macor. Macor scored easily, but Belconnen were rueing not having cleared the ball when they had the chance.

To their credit, Bels came back into the game five minutes later. A corner kick was headed on at the near post by Craig Unwin. The ball was cleared off the line but it fell to Marko Perinovic who put the rebound in.

Two-one at the break and both sides were still looking for the win. It was Belconnen who struck first. A Luke Larfield cross from the right to the far post was cleared by the defense but only as far as Unwin. He passed to Lee Pietrukowski who pushed the ball to Perinovic to finish with a delicate chip.

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The winning goal came ten minutes later. A goalmouth scramble which involed a two-to-one majority of Belconnen players saw the ball not cleared. It fell to Campagna who netted from close range to double his tally for the day.

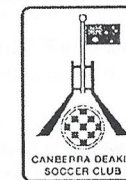
Andrew Monterosso, coach of Monaro, said "we were probably the better side. We created more chances, especially in the first half."

"Belconnen always looked dangerous when the ball was crossed in, but otherwise we contained them well", Monterosso added. "I felt Daryl North, Joe Campagna and Lazar Simeonov had outstanding games."

Although on the losing side, Bels coach Lino Fiorese was not too dispondent. "I thought we played really well and created good goalscoring chances, but we can't provide easy opportunities at the other end for a class side like Monaro."



Burns Club 0



Canberra Deakin 4

Two early goals put Burns Club on the back foot at Greenway Oval and they could not recover conceding two more later to lose 4-0 against Canberra Deakin.

In the fifth minute, Andy Rakic took the ball into the box from the left side and finished well.

Then five minutes later a counter-attack saw the ball go to Michael Barac who passed to Paul Ivanic. He took on his defender and shot true from 15m out.

With ten minutes left in the half, a deep cross from the left by David Milin went to the far post. Daniel Jukic was on hand to volley the ball back into the middle and Ben Deighan complemented his teammate by volleying home from close range.

A quarter of an hour into the second half a move along the right saw Barac cross into the box. Ivanic ran onto it and finished well.

Deakin coach Bernie Lustica stated "the boys played well. We scored two goals early. It was a solid team performance," Lustica was very happy with the play of Paul Ivanic and Daniel Jukic.



Capital City Sun 6



University of Canberra 1

The Capital City Suns bounced back from their thrashing last weekend to do the same to the University of Canberra at O'Connor Oval.

The team now is starting to take shape and are hoping to return to their chase of a top four position.

The scoreline was 6-1, but it could have been more if not for wayward finishing. Luka Udjur and Pat Phommaseisy scored twice each whilst Shane Lyons and Tony Lemezina rounded out the scoring.

For University, a cross was met well in the box by youngster Josh Carmichael.

Suns' coach Bill Dojcinowski was pleased with his team especially after the result the Sunday before. He said "we scored good goals, but it could have been ten" such was the domination of his side.

University of Canberra v Gungahlin Juventus
University of Canberra: 2pm

Juventus are on a high with five wins in a row and this looks to be number six. They have moved right up the table and are threatening the top runners. But the students are not to be overlooked and treated as easy-beats. They have a number of good players who on their day can perform. Bartone is currently tied for 3rd in the goalscoring race. Can he be the difference?

PREDICTION: GUNGAHLIN JUVENTUS

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Queanbeyan City Lions 1



Weston Creek Royals 2

by Greg Welsh

The Weston Creek Royals weathered a spirited Queanbeyan City Lions fightback to win 2-1 at Riverside Stadium on Sunday.

Queanbeyan is a much-improved side these days, and could easily have earned their first points of the 1999 season but for some errant finishing.

However Weston Creek were guilty of the same offence for much of the game, and the 0-0 half-time score certainly didn't reflect the amount of quality chances created by both sides.

Between them, Peter Hader and Steve Lazzari have scored 12 goals for Weston Creek this season. But both strikers found Queanbeyan goalkeeper Daniel Vidovic in excellent form, with the Lions' keeper saving his defence a few early blushes.

At the other end, shots by Lions forward David Geremia in the 12th and 16th minutes narrowly missed their target with Royals keeper Hassan Adhami well beaten.

Weston Creek's exciting left-midfielder Yoshi Sato, who had hit an upright in the first-half, provided the attacking spark for the Royals in the second period.

Sato broke down the left touchline in the 52nd minute before delivering an inch-perfect low cross to Lazzari in front of goal. Lazzari took one touch to control and another to place the ball past Vidovic for the first goal.

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Under 20 Representative Fixture

Illawarra 1 - Young ACT Rockets 3

The Young ACT Rockets provided some sparkling football as they continued their good run of wins over the years. ACT won the corresponding fixture last year, when it was played in Canberra.

ACT started the better of the teams and was rewarded as early as seven minutes in. Pino Seminara was given some room just outside the box. His shot beat the keeper as it found the top left corner of the net.

Heath Gillett then had a good chance to double the scoreline. A Shane Lyons corner was sliced wide by Gillett from only 5m out.

In the first half-hour, Illawarra were their own worst enemy giving away free-kicks through over exuberance.

Yet they were to equalise with under 10 minutes of the half to go. Andy Rakic missed a challenge on the edge of the box and this allowed Paul Tutureski to drive the ball into the top left corner from 12m out.

Illawarra could have gone a goal up just before the break. Another error, this time when keeper Rade Kosanovic mis-kicked the ball. Fortunately, for him and the ACT, the attacker could only head the ball back at Kosanovic.

The Young Rockets however bounced back into the lead immediately after. Shane Lyons cut into the box and sent a pin-point chip to Craig Unwin who tapped in from close range.

At the half-time break, ACT coach Ian Shaw decided to make a few substitutes, exchanging Heath Gillett and Luke Morgan with the fresh legs of Zoran Talevski and Tony Aleksovski.

The Lions keeper gifted the Royals a second goal seven minutes later to sour an otherwise exceptional performance. Sato's corner looked easy pickings until the slippery ball spilled from Vidovic's hands and plopped nicely at the feet of Weston Creek defender Tim Dale, who tapped over the goal-line from less than a yard out.

But when Queanbeyan substitute John Giolubovic scored in the 82nd minute from a Danny Burt through-ball, the Lions went on the attack.

The Queanbeyan pressure nearly brought results, with Vlatko Tomeski's shot hitting the crossbar in the very last minute of the game, leaving Royals coach Jimmy Bland happy to come away with the three points.

'I think sometimes psychologically if you're playing bottom-of-the-league you expect to be three or four nil up by half-time,' Bland said after the game.

'And that's probably what some of my players thought when they went out there. But it doesn't work that way, bottom-of-the-league will sometimes cause more problems than top-of-the-league sides do.'

[George Lemon says goodbye continued]

"Every week is lots of fun, with those involved both on and off the field. I've really enjoyed working in the soccer industry. We see ourselves as underdogs to the other codes and hence we work much harder".

George will take up a position as political advisor to newly elected Peter Webb, member for Monaro. His connections to soccer will remain, including SLMC duties, working with the Suns and managing the ACT Under 13 rep team.

"We are involved in the best sport in Australia. So much more can be done and I'll continue to work to get it what it deserves".

We all wish George happiness and success in his new job and will see him out at the games no doubt.

Illawarra was to be dealt a blow just two minutes into the second half. Their goalscorer, Paul Tutureski, was sent from the field for a second cautionable offence, thus making it an uphill battle for his teammates.

It took only eight minutes for the Young Rockets to take advantage of the superior numbers. Zoran Talevski was able to turn his opponent in the box and finish well.

That finished the scoring, but the game saw numerous chances go the ACT way, none of which could be converted.

Young Rockets coach Ian Shaw was very pleased with his team's performance. "We did very well today. The whole team played well."

Shaw saw Rakic, Aleksovski, Unwin and Seminara as probably the four better players in his well-balanced team.

ACT Schoolboys Take the Expo Cup

By Chris Conti

The ACT Schoolboys were invited to take part in the Soccer Expo Target Youth Championship during the Expo held in Sydney last weekend. They were drawn in a group with NSW Combined High Schools 2 and Combined Catholic Colleges. In the other group were NSW CHS 1 and NSW Independent Schools. The games took place inside the Soccer Expo Dome on a purpose built poly-grass pitch about one-quarter size of a full pitch and with 6-a-side for two 15 minute halves.

On Day 1 (Friday) ACT virtually stepped off the bus to play NSW CHS 2 who had already played and were 'acclimatised' to the pitch - consequently, within 5 minutes we were 0-2 down; however, the team rallied and Paul Ivanic and Aidan Griffith equalised in the second half. The team were just getting used to the conditions when we went to sleep and allowed NSW to snatch the game with two quickly taken goals. NSW 2 eventually won the game 4-2. At the end of the game Nick Rizzo (Crystal Palace) presented us with participation medals and was photographed with the team.

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The following day (Saturday) meant that we had to win against Combined Catholic Colleges in order to make the semi-finals. A discussion about the nature of this different type of game meant that we decided to play a containment game and catch the other team on a fast break. This worked very well and with Robert Wheatley 'calling' the game over the loudspeaker system, we won 7-3, with goals from Ivanic (2), Steven Kemp (2), Goran Veljanovski, Yosef Zamora and Luke Morgan. Knowing we were in the semi-finals enabled us to relax for the big game at the Stadium between the Socceroos and the FIFA World XI.

On Sunday morning we were to play against NSW CHS 1, the team which included a number of Joeys and NSW ITC players. It was a dramatic affair which was called by Kyle Patterson (SBS); the lead changed hands a number of times, but importantly at the final whistle we were leading 6-5 and so marched into the

Final, thanks to a number of breathtaking saves from Rade Kosanovic and goals from Ivanic (2), Griffith (2), Kemp and Lucas Borucinski. Ivanic and Griffith both played superbly. The Final was against the NSW 2 team which had beaten us on the first day, and we knew that if we kept our heads and our plan we had the measure of them; on the other hand the crowd were against us as we had disposed of their own No 1 team.

Before the game we were introduced to Mark Bosnich, Harry Kewell, Mark Viduka, and Paul Okon which was of course a great thrill, but the Final was delayed in order to allow another star to be introduced to the crowd and to sign autographs. We had been given a new strip to play in for the Final, and were beginning to warm up on the pitch when a barrage of film and press cameras went off and Christian Vieri came on to the ground and caused proceedings to be delayed for a further hour while he signed autographs and had photos taken.

Kyle Patterson and Tim Webster (Sports Tonight) interviewed us as we were waiting and warming up and the wait seemed to take its toll as we found ourselves 1-2 down after five minutes, we settled again and by half-time we had equalised.

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In the second half the entire team played scintillating soccer and scored 5 un-answered goals, bringing numerous plaudits from the spectators. Kosanovic once again made a string of decisive and brilliant saves and Veljanovski hit his straps scoring 4 great goals; Adam Williams mesmerised their defenders and scored 2 (1 from the penalty spot) and Borucinski added the other goal. The NSW team who had scored countless goals in their other games were not given an inch by superb defensive work from Luke Morgan, Phil Yarnold and Kemp, who were all able to switch from defense to attack with lightning speed. Zamora and Borucinski in midfield were often brilliant in their understanding and passing and Ivanic showed once again why he is one of the best young prospects in the ACT.

As the captain, Steven Kemp, received the trophy from Paul Bilokopic (Northern Spirit), Kyle Patterson was describing to the crowd the exciting type of player being produced by Canberra. Wearing the ACT Academy of Sport/Canberra Cosmos colours and being identified as ACT-produced players reflected positively upon the entire coaching system of the ACT from the club coaches to the Directors of Coaching and the ITC coaches. Having beaten the best that NSW could put up against us, and having done so in such style was a magnificent exercise in public relations.

The team:

Rade Kosanovic, Adam Williams, Luke Morgan, Steven Kemp, Aidan Griffiths, Yosef Zamora, Phillip Yarnold, Goran Veljanovski, Paul Ivanic, Lucas Borucinski.

ACT ROCKETS v ILLAWARRA

The ACT Rockets drew 2-2 with Illawarra and thus held on to the Illawarra Challenge trophy. The ACT came back from two goals down. Best for ACT were Jimmy Baxter and Ben Deighan. Scorers were Deighan and an own goal as a deflection from a Baxter shot. Sorry, no report.

CSN Predictions for Week 9

Match of the Week

Canberra Deakin v Belconnen United

Deakin Oval: 2pm

Belconnen suffered their first loss last week and Deakin are starting to move up the table in chase of Juventus and the Top 3. Deakin appear to be the more settled of the two at the moment, and with the likes of Ben Deighan playing like the best of the league, they should be just that bit better.

PREDICTION: CANBERRA DEAKIN

Monaro v Capital City Suns

Riverside Stadium: 2pm

This should also be a great game with two open sides fighting it out. Both teams know how to score with 50 goals scored between them for the season. The Suns are coming together, whilst Monaro are coming off a great win over Belconnen. This will also be the first game as coach for Tony Brennan since the Cosmos days earlier this year.

PREDICTION: DRAW

Weston Creek Royals v Burns Club

Woden Park: 2pm

Weston have a great chance to possibly go top of the table at the half-way mark of the season. If all goes in their favour, the Magpies will have their heads high. In this match though the struggling Burns Club will be outclassed by a much better outfit. Led by Hader and Lazzari up front and now with Galletti in the team, it looks like poor Matt Melgaard will have a tough match ahead.

PREDICTION: WESTON CREEK ROYALS

Canberra Olympic v Queanbeyan City Lions

O'Connor Oval: 2pm

A struggling Olympic need to bounce back if they will have any part in the proceedings come September. Their result last round of being dumped by Juventus hopefully has shown them that they need to get their act together. Meanwhile, Queanbeyan are improving match by match. The inclusion of Nick Purdue will lift a lot of weight off Danny Burt's shoulder. It could be a close match.

PREDICTION: CANBERRA OLYMPIC

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